

SCRANTON'S BUDGET HOLDS TAX LINE

Bulk Of Hike For Schools

HARRISBURG, Pa. (UPI) — Education again will outdistance all other categories of state spending during the 1964-65 fiscal year, with Gov. William W. Scranton seeking an additional \$38 million to help finance Pennsylvania's far flung school system and its affiliated operation.

The increase—better than \$30 million of it dictated by law—will bring education outlays to \$595,359,535 or a healthy 51 per cent of the total General Fund blueprint.

Subsidies based on teaching units will rise by almost \$30 million to \$353,228,360. This in part reflects the \$15 million increase stemming from a hike in the maximum subsidy from \$6,500 to \$6,800 to help pay an ordered boost in teachers' salaries.

Other major grant and subsidy items include: transportation, \$25,970,000, up \$1,120,000; joint and union districts, \$17.7 million, up \$1 million; special education, \$19.5 million, up \$283,000; extension education, \$3,868,526, up \$1,720,000; vocational education, \$2,924,088, up \$335,000; educational television, \$1 million, up \$30,000 and community and technical colleges, stable at \$500,000.

School construction subsidies will rise by nearly \$4 million to \$44,082,250.

The 14 state colleges will receive an additional \$2.5 million bringing their total allocation to \$19,381,893. About a third of the increase is designed to permit enrollment of an additional 2,398 students and to expand liberal arts programs.

Library subsidies will be up \$437,000 to \$2,705,853 with the basic grant being increased from 10 cents per person served to 12.5 cents.

Bahamas Given Self-Government

LONDON (UPI) — Britain gave self-government today to the Bahamas, the colony of 700 islands lying in the Gulf Stream off the coast of Florida.

Good Evening!

Weather on the dreary side.

Well, at least it was until that lonely sunbeam found its way through the clouds. Already we're looking for the first robin.

Epidemic of major fires hits Philadelphia, New Jersey.

Spectacular blaze in Center City yesterday, another one in Riverside, N.J., and another very tragic one near Trenton in which six people lost their lives.

For heaven's sake, be careful.

The 88th Congress back in session today, awaiting President Johnson's State of the Union message tomorrow, and preparing to get down to some serious work.

Well sir, the 1963 session probably one of the worst do-nothing meetings of the lawmakers in history. Let's hope they succeed in giving themselves a bit of glory in 1964.

And Governor Scranton submits a record-breaking budget of \$1,167,988,000 to the State Legislature at noon today.

No question about it, the cost of government and of education just continues going up and up. There's some satisfaction in the governor's pledge, however, that no new taxes will have to be imposed.

Speaking of taxes, you realize it won't be long until you have a little date with Uncle Sam again?

It's positively shameful the way these April deadlines keep rolling around.

And speaking of money, maybe it isn't everything, but it surely keeps you in touch with your children.

Alimony is like paying installments after your car is wrecked.

If there weren't any more tomorrows think of the things that would never get done.

Drive carefully, please.

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Six Killed As Fire Sweeps Lawrence Twp., N.J., Home

Falls Drops Mgr. Post, Berkes Supt.

By AL CHESTER
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The new five-man board of supervisors in Falls Township will change the form of township government: it plans to do away with the post of manager, substituting the post of superintendent together with supervisor committees.

Falls Bldg. To Get New Office Space

The Falls Township municipal building will soon sport a new look. Now that five supervisors instead of three will be calling the building "home," the new board has decided it needs additional office space.

In a brief business meeting last night following reorganization, the board voted to authorize architect Richard Vogel to prepare plans for an additional room to the building.

Utilize Space
It will utilize space in the hallway which runs from the reception desk to the auditorium and will be adjacent to the present superintendent's office. The front hallway wall will be extended to the present building line.

The cost is estimated at \$600 to \$700. The addition will be constructed by township personnel, it was announced last night.

In other matters, the board appointed chairman Milton Berkes as the township delegate to the state convention of township officials which will be held in Philadelphia beginning Feb. 5.

The board announced its next meeting will be Jan. 14.

Govt. Readies

Smoking Report

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The government plans to hand out its long-awaited report on the relationship of smoking to health Saturday in an atmosphere of secrecy usually reserved for announcements that affect the stock market.

The Public Health Service announced Monday that the report would be given to accredited reporters at 9:30 a.m. EST Saturday in the New State Department auditorium.

It All Adds Up To Income Tax Time

Even If You Divide, Subtract Or Multiply

It's that time of the year again.

For the next few months Bucks County residents will be wrangling with income tax forms — subtracting, adding, dividing, multiplying and perhaps hair-pulling.

Lower Bucks residents will probably find it easiest to go to the Bristol Internal Revenue Office at 135 Monroe St.

James Manion, a revenue

agent from Philadelphia, arrived there Saturday to aid people preparing their income tax returns.

The office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each weekday, and on Friday and Monday Manion will be assisted by another agent, John Sidorsky.

Manion said that although they are there to help, they cannot spend a lot of time helping people fill their forms in

over the telephone.

People wishing to phone should have specific questions which can be answered promptly. The agents cannot fill in forms for taxpayers, but can advise them on how to make out the form if they come to the office, he said.

Manion said that because of limited supplies, the Bristol office cannot meet bulk orders (Continued on Page 8, Col. 2)



Fireman brings lifeless body of unidentified victim down ladder after fire swept interior of Edward J. McMahon home in Lawrence Township, N.J. (UPI Telephoto)

Dredging Co. Dispute

Levittowner (285 Pounds) Attacked By Three Men

The sales manager of the American Dredging Company's sand and gravel division, Burlington, N.J., was set upon yesterday by three former employees who apparently tricked him into giving them a ride on the pretext they wanted to go to work.

The victim Richard Kelly, 38 of 47 Overbrook Lane, Oaktree Hollow, Levittown, was not seriously injured. "They'd have a hard time subduing me," Kelly said today from his Burlington office. "I'm six-foot-four and weigh about 285 pounds."

The attack occurred at 12:30 p.m. on New Ford Mill Road, Falls Township, as Kelly was transporting the men to the company dock on Lauderbach

Road to meet a tug boat.

False Impression

"They met me under the false impression they wanted to work," Kelly said, "and I fell for it like a ton of bricks."

He said one of the men asked him to stop the vehicle. When he did so, "they took out all the stops," Kelly said.

After a brief scuffle Kelly got out of the car — a company station wagon — and hailed a passing motorist.

Meanwhile, the three drove away in the wagon which they later abandoned on the old Route 13 near Morrisville.

Falls Township police later picked up two of the men on

Newbold Road, a short distance from the station wagon.

They were identified as Raymond Orlando Palumbo, 34, of 1904 S. 6th St., Camden, and Frank Benjamin Parker III, 25, of 920 Bergen Ave., Camden.

The third man has not been identified.

\$3,000 Bail

They were arraigned before Falls Township justice of the peace John Melvin and released in \$3,000 bail each for a further hearing.

They were charged with assault and battery, aggravated assault and battery, conspiracy, and disorderly conduct.

The American Dredging Co., with main offices in Philadelphia, has been plagued by trouble since a melee broke out Dec. 9 on the Lauderbach Road dock in Falls Township.

At that time approximately 150 pro-unionists hurled rocks and stones at river workers. The rioters were believed to be wildcat strikers belonging to Local 25, International Union of Operating Engineers.

Eighty warrants were issued by Falls Township police.

Sets Records In Prison

HULL, England (UPI)—The government said today an unidentified prisoner in Hull Jail has broken two national weightlifting records.

Prisoner Governor Edward Esquiland said the inmate may be released to compete in the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo.

Mother Listed Critical

Six persons, including a father and his four children, were burned to death early today in a fire that swept the interior of their \$30,000 home about two miles north of Trenton.

The only survivor of the blaze was the mother of the children, Mrs. Cecilia McMahon, 43. She is in critical condition in Helene Fuld Hospital, Trenton, with second and third degree burns over 40 to 50 per cent of her body.

The fire, which broke out at 11:50 p.m., completely destroyed the McMahon's eight-room home at 26 Pine Knoll Drive in Lawrence Township, a suburb of Trenton.

Killed In Blaze

Killed in the blaze were Edward J. McMahon, 43; his four children, Kevin, 10; Brian, 9; Eileen, 8, and Kathleen, 6, and Margaret Smyth, 78, Mrs. McMahon's aunt.

Lawrence Township police said the blaze was first discovered by neighbors across the street from the McMahon's two-story frame home. Cause of the fire has not been determined.

Police believe the fire started in an upholstered sofa in the family room, located in the rear of the home. Flames then went upstairs into the bedrooms, snuffing out the lives of McMahon, Mrs. Smyth and the children who apparently were asleep.

Police have been unable to question Mrs. McMahon for details because of her condition.

Volunteer firemen from Lawrenceville, Slackwood and Lawrence Road were on the scene for (Continued on Page 3, Col. 2)

Bucks Still Lacks D.A.

Bucks County has been without a district attorney since yesterday morning, because four county judges cannot agree on a successor to Paul R. Beckert.

The judges reportedly have been deadlocked for the past week. They met again yesterday and have scheduled another meeting today.

The vacancy occurred when Beckert was sworn in as a judge of the Court of Common Pleas. He has been meeting with President Judge Edward G. Biester, and Judges Lawrence A. Monroe, and John P. Fullam.

A courthouse source said that the judges are deadlocked two to two, with two jurists favoring William M. Power, president of the County Bar Association, and the other two willing to settle for either of two (Continued on Page 3, Col. 7)

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Record Figure Proposed

HARRISBURG (UPI) — Gov. William W. Scranton told a joint session of the infant 1964 General Assembly today that no new or higher taxes are required to balance his administration's proposed \$1,167,988,284 record state budget for the 1964-65 fiscal year.

Scranton, addressing the combined meeting of the state Senate and House of Representatives, said that although the budget is \$59 million higher than the current fiscal blueprint an anticipated \$23.6 million surplus and expected higher future tax yields will provide sufficient revenue to meet it.

The governor also promised that the "no new tax budget" will enable the Commonwealth to continue progress towards economic revival rather than merely "marking time."

"Through this budget, and without a tax increase, we can provide the financial resources to continue and expand our progressive programs in the four great areas — government reform, economic development, human services and education," Scranton said.

Surplus A Surprise

The projected surplus came as somewhat of a surprise since in recent months revenue receipts have been only slightly in excess of predictions. But the governor said that it will be accomplished mainly through "lapses" of more than \$18 million in unused appropriations by departments and the expectation that tax yields will be about \$10 million more than predicted by the end of the current fiscal period next June. Only about \$3.7 million in deficiency appropriations will be required — the smallest amount since the early 1940's, the governor noted.

Most of the \$59 million in new appropriations will go for mandated increases — primarily (Continued on Page 3, Col. 7)

Highlights Of Message

HARRISBURG, Pa. (UPI)—Highlights of Gov. William W. Scranton's combined budget and state of the Commonwealth message to the General Assembly Tuesday:

"The important thing about this budget 'without-a-tax-increase' is that it is no 'stand pat' document. It signals not a fiscal year in which we will merely mark time, but a fiscal year in which we shall continue to build a better Pennsylvania."

"Through this budget, and without a tax increase, we can provide the financial resources to continue and expand our progressive programs in the four great areas — government reform, economic development, human services and education. We can do so because of the economies brought about through our austerity program of the past year and our plan to continue them in the new year."

"In the new budget, we've cut again, further evidence that the austerity program launched by this administration is no 'flash in the pan' occurrence. It has gone on throughout the past year, and I am determined that it will continue throughout our term in office."

"...In the new year, we intend to concentrate more than ever on improving the administrative machinery of the state government. This we began to do in 1963, but we shall pursue (Continued on Page 3, Col. 8)

Councilmen Take Oath Tullytown Elects Lynch President

By PHIL WECK
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Eugene M. Lynch, who moved into Tullytown when he was one month old, last night was named president of Tullytown Borough Council.

Lynch's parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lynch, took up residence at 108 Fallsington Drive in October, 1930 with their new babies, Eugene and his twin brother, Roy.

The new council president still lives at that address.

3 Sworn In

Besides electing Lynch, the council swore in three recently elected councilmen and then, with the presence of a well-oiled machine, proceeded to fill every appointive job within sight.

Mayor Nicholas Eberle swore in the three councilmen — Joseph Napoli, an incumbent who was re-elected last fall, and Anthony Biancosino and Ernest Johnson, both former councilmen out of office the past two years.

Lynch, a Democrat, succeeds Michael J. Pirollo who was defeated in the primary election last spring in a bid for a fourth successive council term.

\$25 Monthly

The president's post carries no pay other than the \$25 per month which goes to every council member who attends the regular meetings.

However, four other appointments made last night do have either salaries or fees attached.

Jack Sirott, an attorney who lives in Middletown Township and has offices in Bristol, was named solicitor. The job has had an annual retainer of \$2,500 although this figure is subject to council consideration later in the year.

Sirott is a former chairman of the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission. He was Tullytown's solicitor two years ago and currently is solicitor for the borough's school board.

Other Appointments

William L. Leigh, 413 Main St., was appointed council secretary at \$1,300 a year. Leigh was borough tax collector from 1947 through 1953 and served for 11 years as one of Tullytown's representatives on the Lower Bucks County Joint Municipal Authority, a job which currently pays \$1,800 a year.

Renamed borough treasurer at \$1,100 a year was William De Pasquale, 373 Main St.

Borough Engineer

William Major, who lives in Tullytown at 43 Summer Lane, Stonybrook, Levittown, and is head of Major Associates engineering firm, was appointed borough engineer, a job which is on a fee basis for work performed. Major is also borough engineer in Bristol and held the

Births

Lower Bucks County Hospital

Jan. 5

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chisholm, 1213 Pacific Ave., Bristol, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Coffey, 33 Margin Road, Levittown, boy.

Jan. 6

Mr. and Mrs. William Sabol, 31 Shellflower Road, Levittown, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. William Winslow, 38 Vermillion Lane, Levittown, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. William Slotbeck, 134 Lincoln Hwy., Fairless Hills, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Addeo, 127 Kenwood Drive - S, Levittown, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brookshaw, 281 Cardiff Road, Fairless Hills, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gray, 5 Copperbeech Lane, Levittown, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Kemp, 29 Catolpa Lane, Levittown, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. William Edwards, 823 Dunbury Road, Fairless Hills, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. John Davenport, 243 Thornridge Drive, Levittown, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rider, 815 Merlin St., Bristol, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Calvert, 137½ Maple Ave., Langhorne, boy.

Delaware Valley Hospital Births

Jan. 4

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Berger, 60 Valley Road, Levittown, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thompson, 69 Great Oak Road, Levittown, boy.

Jan. 5

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rudisill, 21 Inlet Road, Levittown, boy.

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lem, he will seek out that particular committee chairman."

Committee chairmanships announced last night are:

Nuss, highways, supplies and purchasing;

Almond, planning and zoning, parks and recreation;

O'Brien, building, industrial development.

Arrowood, finance and budget, inter-municipal cooperation and

Berkes, public safety.

Industrial Development

The most important committee, and the township's biggest consideration in the year ahead, Berkes said, would be industrial development. The chairmanships are to be rotated annually.

The new supervisors were sworn in before approximately 50 persons — members of their families and friends.

"The supervisor's job is not as simple as it looks," Berkes said. "It requires a great deal of work, effort, and — above all — integrity."

"After a few years," he continued, "our new members may ask themselves, 'What the devil am I doing here?' But there are a great many things which make the job worthwhile in the long run, particularly the opportunity to serve the township. The over-all good of the township depends on the work we all do."

After being sworn in by Justice of the Peace Elwood Fritz, the new supervisors each made a brief statement.

"I'll Do My Best"

"By campaigning and working for this job," Almond said, "the newly-elected supervisors showed they wanted to serve the municipality. I'll do my best to serve you during the next six years."

Nuss said he was grateful to the people of Falls for electing him. "The new board can and will do a great job," he said.

"I hope to continue carrying out the record of progress and achievement that has earmarked this township," O'Brien stated.

Also sworn in last night was the new township auditor, Mrs. Dolores Murphy.

Other Appointments

In a brief business session which followed, the new board made the following appointments for 1964:

John Banko, re-appointed building inspector and zoning officer; Clayton Morris, re-appointed plumbing inspector; James V. O'Brien, reappointed trailer park inspector; Samuel Snipes, reappointed township solicitor; Robert T. Burke, re-appointed solicitor of the zoning board of adjustment; Michael Fabiano, reappointed to a six-year term on the sewer and water authority.

James S. Drexler, reappointed to a three-year term on the zoning board; Joseph T. Groark, reappointed to a five-year term on the planning commission; Alvin Skinner, appointed to a five-year term on the park board; Joseph Foy, reappointed to a three-year term on the plumbing board;

Former supervisor Edward Howley was reappointed to the board of directors of the Fallsington Library. Gallus Obert Jr. was appointed to the same position.

Mrs. Ann Massey was reappointed and Elizabeth Stackhouse was newly appointed to the board of directors of the Regional Public Library.

The treasurer's remuneration was set at ½ of one per cent of money paid out by the treasurer.

The board's meeting date was approved as before — the first Tuesday of each month.

Tullytown post until two years ago.

No names were offered by council to any of the appointees and only the engineer's job drew an objection. Councilman Edward Hunt, although he had no alternative nominee, voted against Major's appointment.

Otherwise appointments were approved by a 6-0 vote. Councilman John Silvi, a Republican, was absent from the meeting and Councilman John Thompson, the only other Republican, voted with the Democratic majority.

Tavern Owner

Sedio Monti, a tavern owner, was named borough building inspector, replacing Gerald Slager; Richard Anderson was named fire marshal and John Hillman was appointed to a vacancy on the civil service commission.

Hillman was the only Republican appointed by council last night; the others are all Democrats.

After the jobs were handed out Lynch named members of council's standing committees. They are:

Police, Johnson, chairman; Thompson and Biancosino.

Civil Defense, Thompson, chairman; Hunt and Johnson.

Finance and housing, Napoli, chairman; Biancosino and Johnson.

Other Committees

Fire, Thompson, chairman; Napoli and Biancosino.

Street, Biancosino, chairman; Johnson and Napoli.

Recreation, Hunt, chairman; Thompson and Biancosino.

Building, Biancosino, chairman; Johnson and Napoli.

Zoning, Silvi, chairman; Napoli and Thompson.

Promise Letter

Hunt withdrew as chairman of the recreation committee and promised to make the withdrawal by letter, stating his reasons, at the next regular council meeting.

In the only action other than appointments, the council approved a resolution empowering it to borrow \$25,000 from the Fidelity - Philadelphia National Bank to carry it through the first portion of the year until tax receipts come in.

Ex-football Star

Lynch, the new president, is serving out the last two years of his first four-year council term. He is a construction superintendent for Malan Construction Corp. of New York City, a graduate of Tullytown Elementary School and the old Fallsington High School where he was an all-county guard on the football team for two years in the period when all-county teams were named.

He is commandant of the Carman-Bachofer Post, American Legion, and a veteran of the Korean Conflict. He has a twin brother, Roy, of Houston, Texas, and another brother, William of Doylestown.

Mother

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four hours, police reported. McMahon was employed as a research engineer at the American Cyanamid Company's agricultural center in neighboring Clarksville.

Neighbors rescue Mrs. McMahon from the blazing home after she jumped from a second floor window on to the garage roof.

Police said the children apparently suffocated from smoke and gas fumes which enveloped the second floor of the colonial-style home.

Mercer County detectives and Lawrence Township police are investigating the cause of the mysterious blaze. The home was located in Pine Knoll Estates, off the Princeton Pike.

OUT OF GAS

SCARBOROUGH, Eng. (UPI) —The 45th Green Howards Battalion of the British Army cancelled a field exercise Monday when it ran out of gas for its trucks.

Chamber Of Commerce Plans Member Drive

A campaign to attract at least 500 new members will be launched by the Lower Bucks County Chamber of Commerce on Jan. 30.

Fifty members of the chamber will spend the day making personal contacts with local citizens to explain the goals and activities of the chamber.

The drive will start with a kick-off breakfast, said Joseph Browne, membership chairman of the chamber.

"We have set our goal at 500 members, but there is room in the chamber for 1,000," he said.

"The Lower Bucks Chamber has undertaken a most ambitious program of work this past year, and many of our projects are meeting success," he said; "but we want to see membership growth to enable the chamber to expand its program."

Browne said that the chamber has been active in spheres such as port development, highway improvements, industrial and business development, business ethics, safety in schools and on the highways, legislative issues, education, conventions and tourism, civic affairs.

White Appointed Manager In Bensalem At \$1 A Year

Orthodox Feast Of The Nativity



Orthodox Catholic Christians in Bucks County are observing their Christmas today. Here, the Rev. Robert E. Lucas, pastor of SS Peter and Paul

Orthodox Greek Catholic Church, Edgely, conducts midnight Mass on Christmas eve. (Courier-Times Photo)

Sokolove Solicitor

Township Gets 4 New Commissioners

By SCOOP LEWIS
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As expected, Bristol Township today has four new commissioners and an ex-commissioner turned solicitor.

The new commissioners — all Democrats — are Arthur B. Reinhold, third ward; William E. Keyser, sixth ward; Richard C. Bonner, seventh ward, and Anthony J. Melio, ninth ward.

Another Democrat, Leonard B. Sokolove, resigned as commissioner of the sixth ward to become the township's new solicitor, replacing William J. Carlin, Levittown attorney, who held the post seven years.

Sokolove's move had been predicted in the Courier-Times Nov. 6, 1963, the day after the Democrats won three of the five township commissioner elections.

Made Last Night

The changes, which give the Democrats 6-4 control of the board of commissioners, took place during last night's reorganization meeting at Benjamin Franklin Junior High School. Some 50 persons, including families of the new officials, attended the meeting which lasted only 35 minutes.

The Republicans did have a small role in last night's swearing-in ceremonies as Commissioner Harry W. Fawkes, of Croydon, and Charles L. Worthington, of Edgely, began their second terms on the board. Fawkes was re-elected last November. Worthington was elected last November after being first appointed two years ago to fill the unexpired term of Leroy Evans, Bucks County prothonotary.

James N. Kline of Levittown was named president of the board, succeeding Fawkes. Jack J. Ward, from Levittown's eighth ward, was appointed vice president.

Father of Three

Kline, construction foreman and father of three children, is commissioner from Levittown's 10th ward. He and his wife, Esther, live at 23 Beachtree Road, Blue Ridge.

Kline's first act was to call a special meeting of the board for tomorrow at 8 p.m. Additional appointments are expected to be made by the Democratic-controlled board. Some of the ordinances and resolutions adopted last month (when the Republicans were in control) are slated to be rescinded tomorrow night.

This includes the resolution turning the operation of the \$8,500,000 sewer system over to the township authority. The new board has indicated it wants the commissioners to retain control of the sewer operation.

The new board's lineup finds Democrats Kline, Ward, Reinhold, Bonner, Keyser and Melio in the majority. The minority is made up of Fawkes and Worthington and two Democrats, Joseph T. Bellerby and Larry Cerasoli, both of Croydon.

A Systems Engineer
Reinhold, 42, of 5 Margin Turn Road, Mill Creek Falls, Levittown, succeeds Carl F. Vetter, Republican, as third ward commissioner. A systems engineer with a chemical firm, Reinhold and his wife, Mae, have four children, Dorothy, 16; Mary Ellen, 13 and Aileen and Arthur, 10-year-old twins. Reinhold, before becoming commissioner, was chairman of the Bristol Township School Authority.

Keyser, 41, of 41 Verdant Road, Violetwood, Levittown, is the "family man" among the new commissioners. He and his wife, Ellea, have five children, Ellea, 19; Billie Ellen, 17; Mary, 13; William, 10, and Michelle Lynn, six months. Keyser formerly worked with the state highway department. He takes over the unexpired term of Sokolove which runs until Jan. 3, 1966.

Bonner, 38, of 30 Kingwood Lane, Kenwood, Levittown, is the new seventh ward commissioner, succeeding Republican Arthur F. Diehl Jr. Bonner and his wife, Anais, have three children, Karen, 9; Richard C. Jr., 7, and Gary, 6. He is a tax accountant with the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Succeeds Delp
Melio, 31, of 25 Begonia Lane, Birch Valley, Levittown, succeeds Republican Samuel U. Delp as ninth ward commissioner. He and his wife, Anna May, have a son, Mark Thomas, four. He has been a steelworker for the past 12 years at the Fairless Works plant.

Sokolove, 38, has been practicing law for the past 12 years. He was first elected commissioner from the sixth ward in November, 1957. Four years later he became the first commissioner to be re-elected.

He may have achieved another "first" in Pennsylvania last night when he resigned as commissioner to take over the \$9,000-a-year job as solicitor.

Live In Violetwood
Sokolove and his wife, Doris, live at 6 Vulcan Road, Violetwood, Levittown, with their three children, Robert, 11; Michael, 7, and Nancy, 2.

The new commissioners were administered their oaths of office and loyalty pledge by Justice of the Peace Rene J. Tritschler, Croydon.

Also sworn in were John P. Monahan, 35, of 21 Goldengate Road, Goldenridge, Levittown, as secretary of the board. He succeeds James C. Webster, Croydon Acres. Monahan and his wife, Margaret, have two daughters, Karen, 13, and Birdgetta, six.

Joseph R. Marks, 51 Yellow Drive, Yellowwood, Levittown, was sworn in as township auditor.

The Rev. Arthur P. Elliott, pastor of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, delivered the invocation preceding last night's meeting.

Orthodox Church Marks Christmas

It's Christmas again.

This time parishioners of Bucks County's Eastern Orthodox churches are celebrating the Feast of the Nativity today. The New Year does not officially begin for these celebrants, most of whom are of Greek and Ukrainian origin, until next Tuesday, Jan. 14.

The "late" Christmas is according to the Julian calendar, authorized by Julius Caesar in 46 B.C. In 1582, Pope Gregory the XIII introduced changes and the Gregorian calendar became common in the West. Great Britain imposed it on her colonies, including America, in 1752.

A celebration of special solemnity, the Nativity is the climax for Orthodox Catholics of a 40-day fast which began on Nov. 28 and extended to Christmas Eve, which is a strict fast day.

A special Midnight Mass was held last night at SS Peter and Paul Orthodox Greek Catholic Church, Edgely. A High Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Robert E. Lucas, pastor, at 11 a.m. today.

Tomorrow, at 9 a.m., Father Lucas will conduct a Mass honoring the Feast of Synaxis of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thursday's Mass at 9 a.m. will be dedicated to St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr.

The Christmas Eve celebration finds each family, in the tradition of the Orthodox Catholics of Slavic origin, partaking of the "Holy Supper," a lenten meal consisting of 12 courses. This is in memory of the 12 Apostles and is served on a table strewn with straw to remind the faithful of the manger.

Man Injured In Cave-In

A Fairless Hills construction worker is in satisfactory condition at Lower Bucks County Hospital after he and another man were partially buried in a land slide at a sewer construction project in Trevoze yesterday afternoon.

Admitted with a compound fracture of the right arm and possible chest injuries was Thomas Omlar, 45, of 168 Lincoln Highway, Fairless Hills. Treated for soft tissue injuries to the body and released was Glowdino DeAlmeida DeDomingues, 40, of Bethlehem, Pa.

Bensalem police said the men were working on the sewer installation project on Carter Road, near Somerton Ave., in Concord Park when the earth beneath them caved in, dragging both men down.

Fellow employees of the Lisbon Construction Co. for whom they worked, and rescue workers from the Trevoze Fire Co. rescue truck, dug the earth out from around the men.

Both were taken to the hospital by the Trevoze Heights Rescue Squad. The cave-in occurred about 1:45 p.m.

Decision Surprises, Pleases 150 On Hand

By PAUL ALTAIRE
Courier-Times Staff Writer

More than 150 persons attending the Bensalem Board of Supervisor's reorganization meeting last night registered surprise when board chairman William T. Mullin announced the appointment of C. Burnley White as township manager — at \$1 a year.

Speculation before the meeting began ran high that some member of the board would be named manager, with some persons privately expressing conviction that the manager named would be former Bucks County Commissioner Edward B. Boyer.

But while White's appointment came as a surprise to the spectators who flocked to the meeting, it was received with apparent satisfaction.

Draws Applause

White's nomination and appointment followed the appointment of other township officers but his was the only one which drew applause.

Affable and distinctive looking as always, White accepted the office and explained, humorously, that the job will pay him less than two cents a week.

He said, however, that, despite the many problems of the position — and the difficulties which probably arise, he was accepting it because "it represents a challenge — and I like challenges."

White said that he has lived in Bensalem for 40 years, was married here and raised his family here. "Yes, I do owe something to Bensalem," he said, "and I hope I can do as much for Bensalem as Bensalem has done for me."

White said, "I know there are times when you will be angry with me but I am going to do the best I can."

He asked the citizens of the township "not to look back but to look forward. White was referring to some of the problems which have plagued the township in the past.

Prays For Future

White then asked the audience to join him in a prayer for a brighter future.

Following the appointment, Mullin explained that White was asked to accept the position "because of his experience in business and the high regard citizens of the township have for him."

White is president of Simons Brothers Lumber on Bristol Pike and is a member of the Bensalem Water and Sewer Authority and the Bensalem Industrial Development Committee. He resigned from the de-

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assistant district attorneys, Edward G. Biester Jr., the son of the President Judge, and Ward F. Clark.

Judge Beckert is opposed to Power, who acted as spokesman for the Bar Association when two of its committees last November voted eight to one against Beckert's qualifications to be judge.

On Dec. 17 Governor William W. Scranton, named Beckert anyway.

Some associates of Beckert have accused Power of engineering anti-Beckert sentiment among Bucks County's lawyers.

Power defended Bucks Democratic chairman John T. Welsh against macing charges when Beckert acted as prosecutor. Welsh was acquitted in March last year, but was directed to pay more than \$2,000 in court costs.

Welsh appealed the cost. One courthouse source said that the only recourse now open to the judges is to drop the three candidates and settle for a compromise. Meanwhile, legal papers which need the signature of the district attorney are piling up.

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ily for education. About \$38.6 million will go for increased subsidies to local school districts, including higher teacher salaries, and another \$2.5 million for higher appropriations to the 14 state colleges.

"The new budget also calls for increases to our state Historical and Museum Commission, improvement of the Higher Education section of the Department of Public Instruction, increased financial strength for the state Board of Education, an increase in the appropriation for the state library and for local libraries, more money for educational television," Scranton said.

development committee last night so that he might devote more time to the man township managerial job.

Mullin also explained that White would not be able to devote eight hours a day to the job but that the board planned to hire someone in the near future to assist White.

"The man or woman we chose," Mullin said, "will be highly qualified to handle the post."

Earlier, Mullin swore in Fred P. Tocherman as a new member of the board. Tocherman, a Republican, was elected in November and replaces Democrat Roy K. Green, whose term expired.

Holding the Bible while Tocherman was sworn in was Mrs. Earnest "Mickey" Peters.

Tocherman was named roadmaster for the township, replacing Green who also held that position while he was on the board.

Tocherman had hardly taken his seat on the board when Leon Wolaniuk, representing the Bensalem Taxpayers Association, questioned him about his qualifications as a roadmaster.

Immediately, there was a resounding echo from the audience, shouting, "why don't you give him (Tocherman) a chance before you criticize him."

Wolaniuk asked Tocherman on what basis he was accepting the job when during his campaign he had said that he would only hire qualified personnel for the township.

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greater efficiency and improvement of service from all departments of the government with even more intensity in 1964."

"During 1963 we made great progress in spreading to all the nation the story of the new Pennsylvania. The nation will hear even more from us in the coming 12 months. The new year will find Pennsylvania engaged in even greater effort in industrial development. The program of the 100,000 Pennsylvanians is ready to move into high gear and it will do so in conjunction with all of the other new and rebuilt aspects of the state industrial program."

"In the long run, remember, no level of government can be stronger than the public understanding of it...our aim for the new year is a greater level of political maturity on the state scene. In this regard both political parties might well vow to be more constructive in their criticism."

"The...great aim in 1964 for all Pennsylvanians should be the seeking of greater justice, greater charity, greater equality in relationships between the races. Our new budget will make it possible for the Commonwealth to exercise its responsibilities better, and it is to be hoped that needed federal legislation will also soon become a reality."

Rotary To Hear Mrs. LaMont

Mrs. Durwood LaMont, director of Adult Welfare for Bucks County, will be the main speaker at a Langhorne Rotary Club luncheon Thursday at 12:15 p.m. at the Glen Lake Inn, Langhorne, Route 1.

Mrs. LaMont, a resident of Levittown and mother of two children, is a professional social worker and serves the Senior Citizens activity center in Bristol.

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